

2 April 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 2 April 1979

The Director was attending a Cabinet meeting; Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting. [] 25X1
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McMahon reported that this morning two rockets were fired at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. No one was hurt. Available evidence indicates that the PLO plans to attack U.S., Israeli and Egyptian installations in Italy, France, Germany, and Romania. In response to Mr. Carlucci's question, McMahon confirmed the above information has been passed to the Department of State. [] 25X1

Taylor noted the briefing scheduled before the Senate Appropriations Committee on 2 April and said that [] reserve release has finally been approved. He added that the SSCI CIA markup would take place today. [] 25X1
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Taylor noted receipt of a call from HPSCI Staffer Bush saying that the House markup would take place soon. The committee is now considering leaving intact the [] money allocated for people and subsistence of the site and holding a conference in June to readdress this matter. In response to Dirks' question, Taylor said the funds for research and development probably would be deleted. He added that by the June conference, decisions on alternatives [] should be available. [] 25X1
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Bowie mentioned that a PRC meeting was scheduled on Rhodesia tomorrow. He provided Mr. Carlucci a summary of Chief/SALT Support [] briefing to Secretary of State Vance, which apparently was useful and went well. [] 25X1
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Noting that the Administration has decided that changing the Hughes-Ryan Amendment should be considered only in the context of new charter legislation, Mr. Carlucci provided [] a draft letter to the SSCI so advising them in order to put this matter on the record before the SSCI markup. [] 25X1
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In response to Mr. Carlucci's question, [] said that OLC is continuing to push Congress for FOIA relief and this subject could be raised during Wortman's 4 April hearing on firearms. Mr. Carlucci noted an increase in the number of open hearings being held, and [] explained this stemmed from political considerations. Mr. Carlucci speculated that he would expect hostile questions on FOIA, and opined that Morton Halperin probably has already provided such questions to appropriate Congressmen. McMahon suggested that the FOIA hearing should not be open because it would have an adverse effect on agents and intelligence liaison. Lapham countered that there is no other way to make a valid case for relief from FOIA except in the open. Mr. Carlucci suggested that if the Agency cannot make an open fight for its position, it should call off the hearing and learn to live with FOIA. Wortman mentioned that the FBI has been expressing concern similar to ours regarding the impact of FOIA on sources and methods.

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[] suggested the time was right for approaching the Senate on this matter. Mr. Carlucci said that he had rewritten the testimony prepared for him on this subject. He asked DDO to review it and advise him if he preferred to call off the hearing. In response to McMahon's comment that the Agency should try for a closed hearing, Mr. Carlucci said he agreed with Lapham's contention that this case would have to be made in the open.

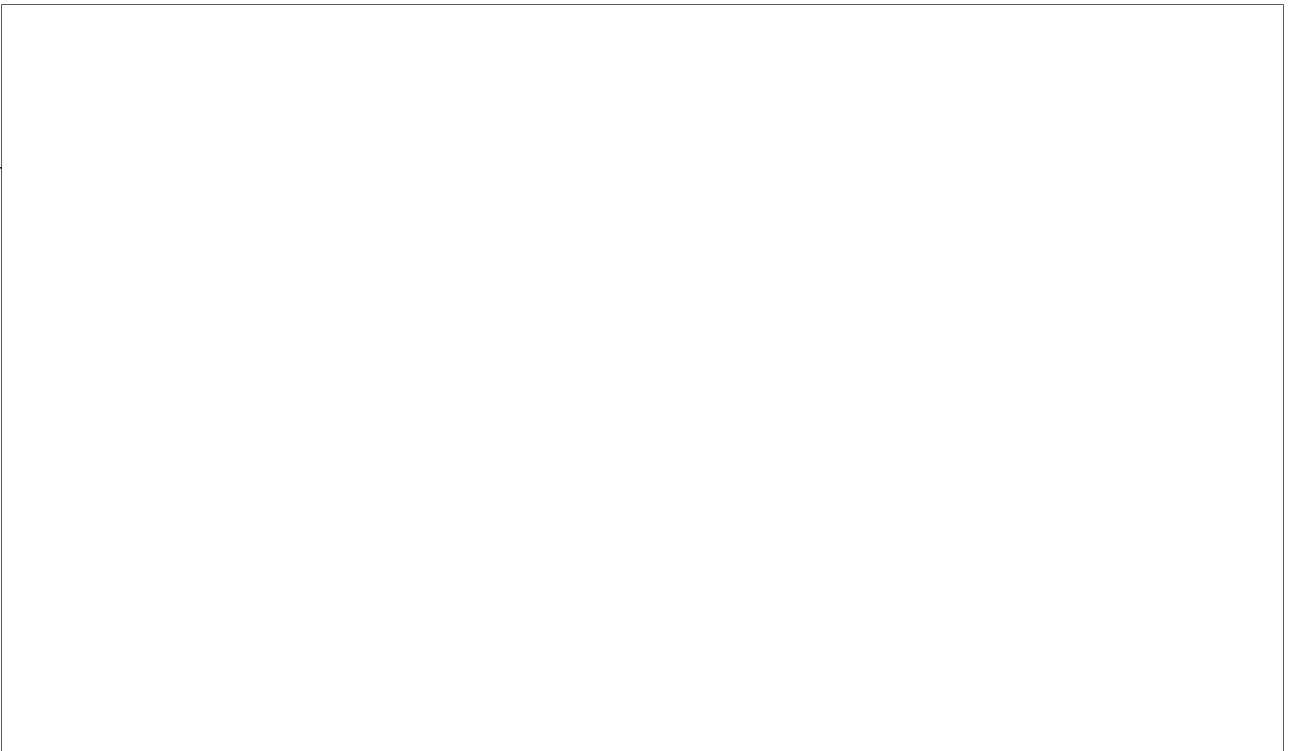
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[] suggested that by the end of the day it should be apparent how feelings are developing on this question and depending on the results, we could try to delay the hearing. Mr. Carlucci suggested that OLC review his draft testimony and also provide copies to Lapham and McMahon for review. (Action: OLC and DDO) []

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